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SUBJ: DANISH VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING MINCOUNS PETREE'S CONSUL-
TATIONS IN DANMARK, AUGUST 21

1. RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO THE UN: DANES DISCERNED TWO
TRENDS DURING THE 32 UNGA - A "MORE COHERENT VOTING PATTERN"
AMONG WESTERN DELEGATIONS, AND REALIZATION BY MANY THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES THAT THEY SHOULDN'T PRESS UNREALISTIC POINTS.
THEY ASKED IF USG EXPECTED THESE TRENDS TO CONTINUE, VOLUN-
TEERING THAT THE RESOLUTIONS EMANATING FROM THE KHARTOUM AND
ESPECIALLY THE BELGRADE NAM MEETINGS DISCOURAGED OPTIMISM.
PETREE PRESENTED THE US VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UN
AND THE FACTORS THAT IN OUR VIEW WILL DETERMINE THE ATMO-
SPHERE THIS FALL. HELSKOV SAID DANES HAD SIMILAR VIEW.

2. CONSULTATIONS: PETREE REFERRED TO THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE
CONSULTATIONS. HELSKOV SPOKE OF THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER
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IMPROVING CONSULTATIONS AT NEW YORK. HE CONCEDED THAT THE EC
IS "RATHER SLOW" IN DEVELOPING ITS RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS.
BOJER ALSO DESCRIBED EC CONSULTATION CAPABILITY AS "A WEAK-
NESS", ESPECIALLY IN UN-TYPE SITUATIONS, BUT ARGUED THAT IT
"MORE EFFICIENT" IF US SUCCEEDS IN GETTING ITS MESSAGE ACROSS
TO THE EC (I.E., HAVING THE WHOLE EC WITH US). HE POLITELY
BUT EMPHATICALLY COUNSELED THAT "IN THE LONG RUN IT WILL BE

WORTHWHILE" IF WE PERSIST IN WORKING WITH THE EC. LEHMAN NOTED THAT ON SOME MATTERS OTHER FORA FOR CONSULTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE (E.G. RE HUMAN RIGHTS IMEC WAS UTILIZED). ONLY WHEN PETREE POINTEDLY ASKED RE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NORDICS DID THE DANES (SOMEWHAT SHEEPISHLY) DISCUSS NORDICS AS A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. (THEIR PRIORITIES RE EC OVER NORDICS WERE MANIFEST.) DANES EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERSHIP WITHIN EC DIDN'T PREVENT THEIR CONSULTING WITH NORDICS ON SELECTED ISSUES. CONSULTATIONS AMONG NORDICS STILL IMPORTANT ON UN MATTERS "IN GENERAL" BUT EC WAS PREFERRED FOR "CONCRETE" ISSUES. ALL OF THE TOPICS, WITH "POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF AFRICA", ON PETREE'S AGENDA WITH DANES RELEVANT FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH NORDICS, ACCORDING TO HELSKOV.

3. AFRICA: HELSKOV APPLAUDED THE COOPERATION AMONG THE FIVE WESTERN SC MEMBERS ON NAMIBIA - A "FANTASTIC EXERCISE", DENMARK SUPPORTED US EFFORTS ON THIS ISSUE IN THE EC. DANES WERE CONCERNED OVER SYG'S RECENT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND INVITED PETREE'S BRIEFING. HELSKOV THEN TURNED TO RHODESIAN QUESTION--HE NOTED INTERNAL ATTITUDES IN US AND ESPECIALLY UK FAVORING THE INTERNAL SOLUTION. COULD THE US SUPPORT THE INTERNAL SOLUTION? (DANES SEEMED GRATIFIED BY OUR BRIEFING.) HELSKOV THEN INQUIRED WHETHER US WOULD CONSIDER PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA IF IT DRAGS ITS FEET ON RELIEVING APARTHEID. HELSKOV VOLUNTEERED THAT NORDIC COMMITTEE ON UN MATTERS HAD DISCUSSED SANCTIONS--RESTRICTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON NEW INVESTMENTS, CURBING FLOW OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, VISA RESTRICTIONS FOR ENTRY INTO SCANDINAVIA, LIMIT EXPORT CREDITS. PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON OIL EXPORTS WERE DROPPED, HOWEVER, SINCE IN DANISH VIEW THESE COULD BOOMERANG. FOREGOING COULD BE RELATED TO CHAPTER 6 AND IF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS ENDORSE FOREGOING AT AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING, NORDICS WOULD COMMENCE CONSULTATIONS THEREON (INCLUDING USG).

4. DURING LUNCHEON WE TOUCHED ON HUMAN RIGHTS. DANES FAVORED A PROCEDURAL SOLUTION TO COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL, WHICH THEY SEEMED TO AGREE WAS A NON-STARTER THIS YEAR. DANES WOULD LIKE TO SEE HR COMM GIVEN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND A "COORDINATOR" TITLE, IF NOT A COMMISSIONER. BEEFING UP EXPERTISE OF DELEGATIONS IN UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE WOULD BE HELPFUL. THEY HAD GENERALLY POSITIVE REACTIONS TO US IDEAS IN THE HR FIELD, BUT WERE NOT PREPARED WITH ELABORATED COMMENTS OF THEIR OWN.

5. AFTERNOON SESSION: UNTAG (SEE COPENHAGEN 5464).

6. PEACEKEEPING: FOLLOWING OUR SITBRIEF ON LEBANON HELSKOV OBSERVED THAT LEBANON SITUATION WAS "ALL INTERTWINED WITH GENERAL MIDEAST PROBLEM". THEIR AMBASSADOR WAS CRITICAL OF

ISRAELI POSTURE ON CHRISTIAN POSITION. ON PEACEKEEPING GENERALLY, DANISH (AND NORDIC) VIEWS PARALLEL THOSE OF US. HELSKOV AGREED THAT EC'S PAPER WAS "VERY GENERAL" AND JAEGER ASKED HOW WE SHOULD MOVE TO SPECIFICS. HELSKOV NOTED NORDICS HAD TRIED PREVIOUSLY TO FLOAT SPECIFIC PROGRAM AT UN. TO JAEGER'S STATEMENT THAT DANES FAVOR GIVING SYG COMPETENCE, HELSKOV INTERJECTED DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE NINE RE COMPETENCE; HE THOUGHT NORDICS MIGHT MOVE UNILATERALLY TO ESTABLISH PEACEKEEPING FORCES. JAEGER NOTED ONE COULDN'T ALWAYS TAPE THE NORDICS AND SUGGESTED THAT BETTER PLANNING BY UN SECRETARIAT WAS CALLED FOR. HELSKOV SUGGESTED PLANNING FOR ZIMBABWE SHOULD START NOW. ON SPECIAL FUND, JAEGER QUESTIONED POSSIBILITY OF RUSSIAN AGREEMENT. HELSKOV SAID NORDICS WERE DESIROUS OF DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSAL WITH USG. REVERT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING TO PEACEKEEPING GENERALLY, JAEGER VOLUNTEERED THAT THE INDONESIANS WERE SENDING A DELEGATION TO SCANDINAVIA "TO STUDY NORDIC PEACEKEEPING ARRANGEMENT".

7. DANES RAISED EXPANSION OF COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, A SUBJECT AMB. BIERRING HAD EMPHASIZED DURING LUNCHEON. DANES INVOTED OUR VIEWS RE TIMETABLE AND CANDIDATES. THEY INFORMED US OF DANISH CANDIDATURE, AND WERE IMPLICITLY HOPEFUL FOR US SUPPORT.
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